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March 25, 2008

Susan A. Corbaley, Project Manager
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1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Ms. Corbaley,

This letter is to document the Bureau of Land Management's concurrence with granting funds to an organization other than the BLM to implement Phase 1 of the Ma-le'l Dunes Cooperative Management Area project. The public has expressed great interest in gaining additional access to the area, so it is important that project implementation begin as soon as possible. Due to my staff's heavy workload this year, it would be difficult for the BLM to carry forward with the improvements this fiscal year.

Thank you for your continued support for this project. The BLM looks forward to working cooperatively with the State Coastal Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Friends of the Dunes on this project.

Sincerely,

Kathy Roush
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March 26, 2008

Ms. Su Corbaley
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Dear Ms. Corbaley:

This letter is to document our concurrence with the following statement relating to the Ma-le'l Dunes Access improvements Grant:

The project must be completed as soon as possible in order to ensure that public access is available in 2008. However, due to potentially protracted federal contracting procedures coupled with reduced staffing levels at BLM and FWS, the Conservancy proposes to award funds to the Friends of the Dunes to carry out the project. The Friends of the Dunes is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to the preservation, restoration and interpretation of the dunes systems of Humboldt Bay. For several years it has carried out numerous restoration activities, and has successfully coordinated the efforts of large groups of volunteers to carry out those activities. The Friends of the Dunes has extensive local resources and access to local experts necessary to complete this project.

Thank you for your continued support on this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Eric T. Nelson
Refuge Manager